

SENSATIONAL KIDNAPPING AT MANGUM

August Siedelman Violates
Order of the Court.

GRABBED HIS OWN BABY

From Mrs. Blackaby and a
Fight Ensues.

Guthrie, O. T., May 21.—Mangum has had a sensational kidnapping case which is reported in the Sun-Monitor as follows: "Quite a little excitement was occasioned Monday evening by a peculiar kidnapping case wherein the kidnapper was the natural father of the child that was kidnapped, and the kidnapper kidnapped his own child, while, contrary to the order of the probate court, and the father is now under arrest for contempt of court and for assault and battery."

The facts as we get them are as follows: About three and a half miles northwest of Mangum resides a farmer named August Siedelman. He is a poor man and lives in a day-out, and, as it is said, did not provide well for his family. About eighteen months ago his wife gave birth to a girl baby. Soon after that the child developed symptoms of insanity, and when the child was about three weeks old the mother was found one night by neighbors wandering about on the prairie in her night clothes. She was taken care of and the next town brought to town, and admitted insane and sent to the asylum at Norman. In the meantime Mrs. Marion Blackaby, wife of a well-to-do neighbor, took the child home with her and cared for it, finding it almost dead with cold and neglect. When the mother was sent to the asylum it was agreed by all parties, and sanctioned by the probate court, that Mrs. Blackaby should keep the child temporarily. It was not given to her by the parents nor adopted by her. After remaining in the insane asylum about a year Mrs. Siedelman was discharged and sent home, and there that time Siedelman and his wife have been trying to get their child back, but Mrs. Blackaby having cared for it so long and having a child of her own, had become attached to it and does not wish to give it up. Probate Judge Clay being of the opinion that Mrs. Siedelman is not yet of sound mind and may get worse again and neglect the baby, and that it is better off in the care of Mrs. Blackaby, has refused to give the child back to its parents.

Monday Blackaby and his wife and the baby were in Mangum as was also Siedelman. About 3 p. m. the latter met Mrs. Blackaby on the south side of the square with the child in her arms. He started to grab it and run, the woman showed fight, he knocked her down and ran with the child to the west side of the square where his horse was hitched. He started to mount when Mrs. Blackaby's husband appeared on the scene and grabbed the horse's bridle rein and they had quite a wordy war. While they were struggling Lawyer Frank Mathews, who is Siedelman's attorney, came up and took a hand. He said the child belonged to Siedelman and no man had a right to take it from him, ordered Blackaby to stand back and Siedelman to go home with the child. The Blackaby reported the matter to the probate court and got out a warrant for the arrest of Siedelman on the charge of assault and battery and the court issued an order for the return of the child to the Blackaby. Deputy Sheriff Bragg and Jokers went out to Siedelman's last night and one officer took Mrs. Siedelman and the other took the baby to Blackaby while the other brought Siedelman to town where he gave bond for \$20 with Tom Lawrence and A. C. Bragg as sureties for appearance for trial in July. Warrants were also served on both Siedelman and Lawyer Mathews for contempt of court and they are under bond for \$20 each.

CHOCTAW IS SPREADING

Completion of the Line Has Been
Fixed for October 1.

Oklahoma City, May 21.—The completion of the main line of the Choctaw & Northern railway from Okfuskee north has been fixed by the first of October. The road will run to Alva positively and there will be two spurs from that point or near there that will be added as soon as the main line is completed. One of the spurs will run into Lawton and will probably be extended to Russell on the Union Pacific and the other will go to the west of Alva into Woodward county.

The combined mileage of the road as completed will be nearly three hundred miles and it is the intention of the company to lease trucking privileges of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf into this city from Geary and the train will make up at this place. The location of the round house, tracks, repair shops, etc., has been decided upon and they will be the land that is now owned by the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf on the military reservation east of the freight house. The work on the terminals which will be located on this land which has been bought from the company will be decided upon at a meeting of the directors of the road to be held in this city in a few weeks. In the charter granted the company the principal place of business was given as the principal place of business and the decision of the company at this time is about to be carried out. While no definite plans as to the running of the train have been made it is probable that there will be two trains each way daily that will bring the country in the west part of Oklahoma in close touch with Oklahoma City.

The road in its way is connected with the Choctaw and the history is one of the most peculiar of the roads in the west. For a time there were surveys made under the direction of the Choctaw management, but at the meeting of the directors of the road to pass upon building the line there was some discussion manifested by some of the directors to the proposition that it was better decided not to build it. Chief Engineer Miller was an enthusiast on the prospects of the road and he succeeded in getting two of the directors of the Choctaw system to make a trip over the route with him and upon their return to Philadelphia the directors

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with the other directors of the road and undertook the construction of the road as a private investment and they then formed the Choctaw & Northern railway company.

The faith of these men was so great in the enterprise that they succeeded in procuring other capitalists and while in a way the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf is a part of the idea of this road it has now advanced to such a stage that the line will be built to nearly as large as the Choctaw system when the line to Amarillo is completed. There are more valuable products along the line of the Choctaw & Northern than any railway in Oklahoma and it will be the greatest factor in the growth of Oklahoma City that has yet shown itself in a railroad way.

RESULT ON STATEHOOD

Judge Bradford Is Responsible for
Indian Citizenship

Oklahoma City, O. T., May 21.—The making of Indian cities of Indian Territory into citizens of the United States at the last session of congress was the direct outgrowth of the South McAlester statehood convention, said Judge S. B. Bradford of Ardmore, who took too much initiative in calling the convention. "I sent copies of my address to different members of congress. I called the attention of Senator Thurston especially to the fact that the constitution of the future state should be based on the principle of the statehood of the Indians. I do not believe that the changes will disturb the property rights of any Indian citizen nor interfere with his allotments and homesteads. The constitution can and should be the same as the one that the law had not been passed. This very property renders the Indians amenable to the same laws of justice that control other persons living in the Indian Territory. The ratified treaties of the Choctaw and Chickasaw should remain unimpaired until the final adjustment of tribal affairs, and, if necessary, the life of the treaties should be extended. A majority of Indian citizens are pleased with the change, since they understand that it does not interfere with their property rights. My idea is that the work of the commission sent to the Indian Territory to settle up the affairs of the tribe is similar to the adjustment of a vast estate of individuals, and the purpose of extending the life of the Indian governments is to give sufficient time in which to close up the affairs of this estate."

MUCH HAIL FELL

Several Places in Oklahoma Suffered
Great Damage

Guthrie, O. T., May 21.—The territory has had a touch of hail storms during the past week. The Gas Chronicle says: A hail storm north of Pline, and reaching to the neighborhood of Fairview, Sunday evening about 5 o'clock, devastated a stretch of country a half mile wide and estimated thirty miles long. Hogs, chickens and rabbits were killed, the siding on the north side of houses dented and split, and everything on the surface of the ground was crushed. In the afternoon Wednesday, in the same area, there was a foot to three feet of solid ice packed, the hailstones having frozen together.

Concerning the storm around Geary, the Bulletin says: About 4 o'clock last Sunday evening a terrific storm passed about three miles northeast of Geary, pounding everything in the shape of grain and vegetation in its track into the ground. It struck this side of the river at the farm of N. L. Smith, passing through a small settlement, directing through Canadian county and beyond Union City, and was from one to five miles in width.

Some of the big chunks were as large as saucers, and Elmer Lawrence says that he measured one that was six inches in diameter the largest way. Another man claims to have found another chunk fourteen inches long. Windows and roofs in places were crushed to splinters in the terrific fusillade of the elements. Monday morning N. L. Smith found chunks of ice in his morning tea as large as his head. It worked terrible havoc upon the wealth and resources of the farmers in its trail. Among those suffering from the storm, and the average of wheat above ground, are the following: Ringling, 30; Z. B. Hurdless, 25; Turk, 20; Dray, 20; Peters Bros., 40; J. W. Selver, 40; Harry Kaufman, 20; R. B. Ford, 10; Will and Wes Chatters, 40; Burton, 40; Whetson & Son, 20; Black, 20; E. P. Law, 10; H. Douglas, 10; J. B. Pennington, 10; W. T. Walker, 10; E. D. Smith, 10; Smart Bros., 10; W. N. Draper, 10; Geo. A. Goss, 10; H. Schaffer, 10; the Birmingham, 10; Henry Owens, 10; Ed. Adams, 10.

Others suffering less and whose names cannot be ascertained will bring the total average, tributary to Geary, of wheat destroyed to about 10,000. The greatest part of this loss falls upon those making falling statements and paying cash rent for the land.

RAVAGES OF GREEN LOUSE IN OKLAHOMA

Experiment Station at Still-
water Makes a Report.

IT DID MUCH DAMAGE

Farmers Had to Replant in
Several Sections.

Stillwater, O. T., May 21.—In a bulletin just issued by the Oklahoma experiment station the following with reference to the plant louse is contained:

"It is appropriate at this time to notice this insect whose ravages in wheat in several counties of Oklahoma have greatly reduced the value of this year's crop. By extensive correspondence and by conversations with many wheat growers, uniform testimony is secured that throughout the regions named below the wheat or grain louse has greatly damaged this year's crop. In fact the injury in some regions has been so great that farmers have preferred to replant the wheat ground to some other crop. A recommendation to this effect was inserted in some of the newspapers of the territory some time ago.

The station received the first specimen of this louse early in April, and the entomologist has since that time given most of his time to a thorough investigation of the distribution and life history of the insect. It became at once apparent that the main damage was not due to the well known grain louse (Siphonophora avenae), whose structure and life history have been so well aired in the newspapers of late. Our form differs from the one mentioned in several details and will be described as a new variety closely related to the grain louse.

The greatest injury to wheat has occurred in the following regions: Chickasaw and Cherokee nations and Cleveland, Canadian, Kingfisher, Lincoln, Logan, Noble, Oklahoma, Payne, Pawnee and Pottawatomie counties. In some cases it was noted that the general trend of the migrations of the insects was from south to north. The louse, like its better known relative, is capable of very rapid multiplication, and this is favored by weather. The voracious females are wingless, but enough winged females exist to enable the species to migrate from one field to another in search of food. These winged females were present in large numbers from about the middle of April to the first of May.

There is no evidence that this louse has a true egg-stage. It is probable that it winters over in the adult stage and feeds upon the leaves of the wheat during favorable weather during the entire winter. The past winter was in some respects very favorable to the development of the louse in large numbers and it is not therefore a matter for surprise that such hordes of lice should have appeared so early in the spring.

There is no practical spraying method that can be recommended against this insect pest. Some have suggested a spraying with the usual verminous emulsion, and that would probably reduce their number if applied before they spread over a large area. Our greatest hope lies, however, in the rapid multiplication and voracity of the insect, and the fact that the most natural and useful of these enemies in Oklahoma is surely one of the "lady-bird" beetles (Chilocorus convergens). This is a nearly hemispherical beetle and of a reddish brown color with several black spots on the back. The head and thorax are black with reddish yellow margins, and the thorax has two elongated reddish yellow spots.

The larvae of these beetles are even more voracious and active than the adult beetles. The larvae is a long, blackish, somewhat flattened, and very active larva with six legs of more than usual length. Like larvae which reaches maturity curls up on some leaf or stem and changes to the pupa from which the mature beetle emerges in a few days. The beetles live over winter in a mature state in crevices or under boards. These "lady bird" beetles have appeared in such large quantities in some parts of Oklahoma that the farmers have written to the experiment station for some remedy to destroy them. Every wheat grower should look on these beetles as his best friend and in no case allow them to be destroyed.

Specimens of the wheat louse and especially specimens of all the beetles found in the wheat fields are very much desired by the entomologist at Stillwater and may be sent through the mail if inclosed in a tin or wooden box.

The Grand Trunk Railway System Recognized as the "Distressed Pan-American Route to Buffalo" will on June 1, inaugurate a new modern up-to-date vestibuled train leaving Chicago at 11:30 a. m. to run via Detroit, Mt. Clemens, Port Huron and Niagara Falls, reaching Buffalo at 4:15 a. m. and New York 4:30 p. m. which will be appreciated by Pan-American visitors who like to "arrive early and avoid the rush."

Time tables, rates, etc., furnished on application by City Passenger and Ticket Agent, 29 Clark street, Chicago.

AFTER SLOT MACHINES

Sheriff of Kingfisher County Would
Not Tolerate Them

Kingfisher, O. T., May 21.—Since the inauguration of the new administration of Kingfisher the attempt has been made to have a wide open town. Some few days ago every saloon in the city began the operation of slot machines. The owners of the machines claimed to have an understanding with the authorities whereby they could run without being molested. The county officials seemed to take a different view of the matter, however, for this morning the sheriff visited every place in town where a machine was kept and warned the proprietors that unless they ceased to operate the machines they would be arrested and the machines confiscated. The proprietors of the machines were told to stop the operation of the machines and the use of slot machines.

Government Leaders Are Questioned

ADDITIONAL CITY NEWS

BUSINESS IS SLOW

Room in the Marriage Licenses Has
Ended.

Probate Judge Thomas Wilson claims that business is dull in his court. He, however, performed a marriage ceremony yesterday. The happy couple were Charles F. Ashcroft of Preston, Kan., and Miss Edna M. Grael of Parkland, O. T.

The lull in business has given the probate judge and his deputy a chance to get up even with their business and the clock does not now show the hour of midnight while Deputy Probate Judge Enoch is at work.

There are some strange cases that come before the probate judge and he gives enough legal advice free to make an ordinary attorney rich. Yesterday a woman called at the office and told Deputy Probate Judge Enoch that she had some property coming to her in the state of Tennessee that she wanted him to get. She said her former husband had been adjudged insane here about two years ago and that while he was insane he had sold their property in the south for \$70, and it was worth a cool thousand dollars. The deputy looked up the records and found that no property had been claimed at the time he was adjudged insane. When the judge asked the woman why she did not tell the court at the time that he was adjudged insane that he had property, she said she had not come to the court house during the trial, after about an hour's talk it was learned that the man had mortgaged his property for a store bill and that it was foreclosed.

DRIVING PARK IS READY.

Track in South Riverside Is Put in
Condition.

The driving park, the south side of Riverside, is now in tip top condition. Street Commissioner Allen has made the half mile circle road fast by grading and preparing it, and the men with fast steeds and ambitions have, some of them, tried it, and pronounced it excellent. It will now be in order for some of the 2:30 horses in this city to prove it.

INDICATIONS OF A HOT TIME.

Big Shipment of Fireworks Received
in Wichita.

The biggest lot of confined sparks that ever came this far south arrived in Wichita this week consigned to Casey & Garst, wholesalers. They received two carloads of Fourth of July goods—all kinds of fireworks from the smallest to the largest—rockets, etc. One end of the big establishment is taken up with the shipment. "We figured months ago," said Mr. Casey yesterday, "that this was going to be an extraordinary patriotic year in this section of the country. Good times everywhere, the end of all war, Russian and rest, promised. And the announcement of Fourth of July celebrations in nearly every Kansas and Oklahoma town proves the anticipation to have been correct. We went in heavy on flags for the same reason, and the way our stock has been going in the week prior to Fourth of July goods is a good index that the greatest southwest will be out in force month after next month. ETAO in force month after next. In fact, the briskness in these lines is equal to the rush and hustle in goods previous to the Fourth of July season, resembling it very much. Information from other houses and from the trade bear out the statement that this is to be a fire-works, lemonade, ice cream, Declaration of Independence and picnic Fourth of July."

On at St. Louis, Off at Buffalo.

Daily trains leaving St. Louis 3:45 a. m. and 5:15 p. m. for Buffalo over Vandallia-Pennsylvania-Erie Lines—The Akron Road trip tickets may be obtained over it to Chautauque Lake, Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Canadian resorts. Ask J. M. Chesbrough, A. G. P. Agt., St. Louis, or A. B. Ritchie, T. P. Agt., Joplin, Mo., for information about fares, etc.

EAST FIRST STREET BOOMING

Marked Improvements on That Big
Thoroughfare.

First street, east, is in the midst of all kinds of improvements. The grade from the tracks to Chisholm and on to the hill has been corrected and plans have been made for an iron and a wooden bridge across Chisholm creek, and side for side will be advertised for and the better offer accepted. All along the street new homes are going in and improvements on old ones are being made. W. Williams is erecting a fine five-room cottage on the corner of Cleveland and First. Dr. Mitchell is also building a cottage at the corner of Washington and First. C. W. McCoy is putting in a wide parking and beautifying his home place.

CREDIT SYSTEM KILLS THEM.

There is an Increase of Transfers and
Fewer Mortgages.

Harry Stewart of the Deam Abstract company says that the transfers in this county show a very healthy condition in the real estate market. He says the transfers as shown by the records of his office are about the same as last year, but they are now nearly all sales whereas a year ago a large part were mortgages.

Mr. Stewart says the farm mortgage business in this county in former years was one of the big things in the county, but now it has gone glimmering and the man who depends on commissions on farm loans for his living will need to board at a ten cent restaurant. He says the farm loans are being paid off and very few new ones are shown on the records. This he thinks shows that Kansas is getting rich and out of debt. He never knew before of so many cash sales in real estate in all the twenty years that he has been working on abstract books in this county.

PURCHASING OF HOMES

Continues in the City Sales Made
Yesterday.

The purchase of residences in Wichita continues as well as the building of them. Yesterday Ernest Agnew, sold for E. J. Sullivan to James H. Korman an eight-room house at 23 Syracuse street, West Side, for \$12,000. Miss Nora Scott bought No. 61 South Market, a cottage, for \$1,250. The Hartford Investment company sold W. H. H. Tabbing a cottage at 45 104 avenue for \$500.

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BONDS ARE THOUGHT TO BE INVALID

Kingfisher County Will Prob-
ably Have New Election.

NOTICE NOT SUFFICIENT

Commissioners Waited for
Bids That Never Came.

Kingfisher, O. T., May 21.—From all indications at present it seems that the Kingfisher county court house bonds are not valid and cannot be sold. All day yesterday the county commissioners sat in special session waiting for bids that never came. Several parties have negotiated for the bonds subject to the approval of their attorneys; but the opinion of the attorneys has always been that the procedure heretofore had in relation to obtaining the bonds was illegal. The principal objection urged against them is that there was not sufficient legal notice had prior to the election called for the purpose of voting bonds. The commissioners and all concerned claim that this fault is due to the negligence of J. E. Burns, the county clerk, for not making the publication in the number of newspapers and for the period required by law. In case these bonds cannot be sold to any one in the near future, another election will have to be called and the whole thing gone through with again. Inasmuch as the court house site has been donated to the county by the citizens of Kingfisher city the county has the prospect of having a good site and no immediate prospect of a court house to place there. It is also thought that if the bond proposition is again placed before the people a much harder fight will be made against it than ever before.

BOOKS THAT NOW LEAD.

Six Novels Which Are Most Popular
in Wichita.

The six novels which are leading in the race for popularity in Wichita at present are as follows, with Alice of Old Vincennes as a close seventh. First—"The Lion's Brood," by DuMelft Osborn; second, "The Helmet of Navarre," by Runkle; third, "Up from Slavery," by Booker Washington; fourth, "Mistress Nell," by George Huxford; fifth, "A King's Pawn," by Drummond; sixth, "Eben Holden," by Irving Batchelder.

PREPARE FOR HEAVY TRAFFIC

Street Car Company Getting Ready
for Memorial Day.

The street car force is working on the Fairmount line at present, getting the track ready for the heavy traffic which will come Memorial Day. Switch facilities will be arranged so that the crowds may be handled expeditiously. The new heavy rails which have been distributed as far east as Hudson avenue are now being put along the Fairmount line north on that avenue.

DOES ONLY PRESSING WORK.

Forty-five Men and Fourteen Teams
Employed by the City.

Street Commissioner E. T. Aiken now has forty-five men and fourteen teams employed to do the work on the streets of this city. There could be more than three times that men and teams employed to good advantage but the city fathers want to hold the force down to correspond with the ability of the city treasurer to furnish the cash to pay them. There is a wonderful number of miles of streets to be kept in repair in this city and if the work was done as Street Commissioner would like to have it done there would be work for a large number of men and teams. The work is now only done where there is pressing need of it and the streets are allowed to go as long as they are reasonably good. People are coming to favor the broad tired wagons and it is claimed that if there were no other kind used on the streets of this city that they would soon become as smooth as the asphalt pavements.

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